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NLM HOLIDAY HOURS

Following is a schedule of the Library's hours for the Christmas and New Year's holidays:

December 23 (Thursday) - 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

December 24)
December 25) Closed all day
December 26)

December 27 (Monday) - 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

December 30 (Thursday) - 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

December 31)
January 1) Closed all day
January 2)

January 3 (Monday) - 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Regular Hours

Monday through Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday - 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

EXRESS CATALOGING SERVICE TO BEGIN IN JANUARY

Dr. Martin M. Cummings, Director of the Library, has announced the inauguration of the Library's new express cataloging service featuring the first computer-produced catalog published by a national library for the use of other libraries.

The new publication, National Library of Medicine Current Catalog, will consist of 26 biweekly issues per year, with quarterly and annual cumulations. The first biweekly issue will be published January 14, 1966.

The annual cumulation of the new catalog will supersede the earlier National Library of Medicine Catalog, published annually since 1956. The latter publication will make its final appearance in 1966 as a sexennial volume incorporating all NLM catalog cards issued from 1960 through 1965.

Dr. Cummings pointed out that NLM Catalog as an annual publication has served chiefly as a retrospective record of the Library's holdings, whereas the present acceleration in biomedical research and publishing has highlighted the need for a comprehensive, up-to-date acquisitions and cataloging tool for medical librarians.

For NLM Current Catalog, major American medical book publishers will furnish the Library with an advance copy of every new title immediately upon publication. The Library will catalog these publications with all possible speed and process the information on its computers to produce a biweekly listing of citations to all new book and serial titles cataloged during the preceding two weeks.

Catalog citations will contain the same bibliographic information that appears on the Library's catalog cards, thereby providing other libraries with catalog copy for their own use. Citations in the biweekly issues will include the cost of items, when available. Selected monographic citations will become part of the computer file and will be retrievable on demand for machine searches of the literature.

Biweekly issues of NLM Current Catalog will contain author/title citations to publications cataloged and a directory of publishers represented. Quarterly and annual cumulations will have both an author/title section and a subject section.

By eliminating duplication of cataloging effort, the Library's new service is expected to result in significant cost reduction for its subscribers. Savings in time should enable medical libraries to provide scientists, physicians, and teachers with more rapid access to the latest published biomedical information.

Subscriptions to National Library of Medicine Current Catalog are on sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Price: $15.00 a year; $20.00 foreign. Subscription includes all biweekly issues, plus quarterly and annual cumulations. The annual cumulation is also available separately for $4.50.

NLM TO PUBLISH 1965 CUMULATED INDEX MEDICUS

The National Library of Medicine will publish the 1965 edition of Cumulated Index Medicus early next year. This publication will comprise the annual cumulation of monthly issues of Index Medicus, the Library's comprehensive listing of current articles from approximately 2,400 of the world's leading biomedical journals.

For the past five years, Cumulated Index Medicus has been published by the American Medical Association in cooperation with the National Library of Medicine.

Since 1964, Index Medicus and Cumulated Index Medicus have been produced by the Library's computer-based Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System (MEDLARS). Both publications are composed on GRACE (Graphic Arts Composing Equipment), a high-speed phototypesetter driven by the MEDLARS' computer.

The 1965 edition of Cumulated Index Medicus, consisting of four volumes totaling nearly 7,000 pages, will be available on annual subscription from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, for $40.00, $50.00 foreign.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Joseph Leiter has been appointed Associate Director for Intramural Programs of the Library.

Dr. Leiter will be responsible for coordinating intramural activities among the various divisions of the Library. These activities include: the acquisition and dissemination of the world's largest specialized research collection of the published literature on biomedical research, clinical medicine, and health-related scientific information; the operation of interlibrary loan and reference services; and the development and operation of the largest computer-based medical information storage and retrieval system, known as MEDLARS (Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System). In particular, he will be responsible for the development of the Library's Drug Literature Program which will serve as the focal point for a Department-wide drug information program.

Before joining the Library, Dr. Leiter was Chief of the Cancer Chemotherapy National Service Center, National Cancer Institute. He also served as a member of the Institute's Scientific Directorate, a scientific policy review body.

As Chief of NCI's Drug Evaluation Branch, Dr. Leiter was instrumental in the development of major laboratory resources for carrying out large-scale screening of drugs and for the expansion of laboratory animal resources. In 1957, he developed one of the first large electronic data processing systems for processing more than 250,000 animal screening tests a year and for analyzing, reporting,and publishing the results.

In 1938,Dr. Leiter participated in one of NCI's first collaborative efforts, a study of the role of atmospheric dusts in the production of lung cancer. Between 1942 and 1946 he served as a Laboratory Officer in the U.S. Army. Until 1955 he headed a group of investigators in carrying out research in cancer chemotherapy and was Head of NCI's Biochemistry Section, Laboratory of Chemical Pharmacology.

Dr. Leiter received a B.S. degree from Brooklyn College and a Ph.D. in biochemistry from the Georgetown University. He is a member of the American Chemical Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Association for Cancer Research, and the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics. From 1938 to 1939 he was a Research Fellow in Applied Biology and Medicine at Harvard University; from 1959 to 1962 he served as a consultant to the UNESCO Committee on Cell Biology. He is currently an Associate Editor of Cancer Research, and Corresponding Editor for the European Journal of Cancer.

Mr. James P. Riley has been appointed Chief of Technical Services Division of the Library.

In his new post, Mr. Riley will head the Library division responsible for the scope and coverage, the acquisition, and the cataloging of the world's largest collection of medical literature. He will also be involved in the development of automation of technical services at the Library.

This is Mr. Riley's second appointment to the Library. As MEDLARS Liaison Officer, he worked on preliminary and detailed design of MEDLARS (Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System) in 1961 and 1962. Since that time he has been with the Federal Aviation Agency as a Special Assistant to the Chief of Personnel Operations.

Mr. Riley received his B.S. degree from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1952, and his M.S.L.S. degree from the Catholic University of America in 1956. He has been associated with the Milwaukee Public Library, the Georgetown University Library, the Central Intelligence Agency Library, and the Federal Aviation Agency.

NLM LITERATURE SEARCHES

Single copies of the following bibliographies, prepared either by conventional library methods or by means of the MEDLARS computer, are available on request to the Library. They may be ordered by title or number as listed below.

L.S. No.	Title	Number of Citations
29-65	Juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. Mid-1963-October 1965.	129
30-65	Medicolegal implications of tissue banks and transplantations. Mid-1963-October 1965	78
31-65	The thymus gland and immunity. January 1964-October 1965.	224 in English

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